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SUBJECT: LATEST STATEMENTS BY PERONIST YOUTH LEADER CREATE STIR

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. IN SEVERAL RECENT STATEMENTS, PERONIST YOUTH LEADER RODOLFO OALIMBERTI HAS ONCE AGAIN STAKED OUT A HARD- LINE POSITION WHICH PUTS HIM AT ODDS NOT ONLY WITH THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT (READ THE ARMED FORCES) BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WITH MODERATE SECTORS OF PERNIST MOVEMENT. WHILE IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THESE INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS CARRY THE BLESSING OF EX- PRESIDENT PERON, EMBASSY PERONIST SOURCES ARE INTERPRETING A RECENT PERON STATEMENT AS CALLING FOR MODERATION ON THE PART OF ALL PERONISTS AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT REPORTS THAT CALIMBERTI HAS BEEN CALLED TO MADRID MEAN HE WILL RECEIVE A PERSONAL DRESSING DOWN. END SUMMARY.

2. ON APRIL 18 PERONIST YOUTH LEADER RODOLFO GALIMBERTI AND PARTIDO JUSTICIALISTA SEC GEN JUAN MANUEL ABAL MEDINA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO RELEASE A 10- POINT DOCUMENT ENTITLED " PERONIST YOUTH PLEDGE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE FATHERLAND." DECLARATION LISTED SEVERAL OBJECTIVES SOUGHT BY YOUTH ELEMENTS WITHIN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT AND VIRTUALLY PUT GOVERNMENT- ELECT ON NOTICE THAT FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA PLATFORM MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THEN SOME. GOALS OF PERONIST YOUTH INCLUDED:
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A. UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS./

B. COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED TORTURES, ASSASSINATIONS, KIDNAPPINGS, AND DETENTIONS OF " POPULAR MILITANTS" AS WELL AS ECONOMIC CRIMES.

C. END TO SPECIAL COURTS, REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION, AND DEMAND FOR REVIEW OF ALL RULING BY ANTI- SUBVERSIVE COURT.

D. END TO SYSTEM OF " CONTINUISMO" AND BARRING FROM POWER OF ALL THOSE CONNECTED WITH PRESENT REGIME.

E. DENUNCIATION AND PUNISHMENT OF ALL THOSE OF FUTURE GOVERNMENT WHO DEVIATE FROM REVOLUTIONARY LINE.

F. ASSURANCE OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THE FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA ELECTORAL PROGRAM.

G. ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY IN REGARDS TO SALARIES OF OFFICIALS.

H. RETURN TO THE STATE OF THE SALARIES OF ALL PERONIST YOUTH MEMBERS ON GOVERNMENT PAYROLL.

I. TRANSFER OF MUCH OF DECISION- MAKING FROM BUREAUCRATIC BODIES TO POPULAR BASES.

J. SUPPRESSION OF ALL TERMS OF DEFERENCE AMONG MEMBERS OF FRENTE JUSTICIALISTA WITH ONLY ONE FORM OF ADDRESS TO BE PERMITTED - " COMPANERO."

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER PRESIDENT- ELECT HECTOR CAMPORA HAD ENDORSED THE OBJECTIVES, ABAL MEDINA RETORTED THAT IT WAS NOT A MATTER OF HIS ENDORSING THEM BUT THAT " HE WILL OBEY THEM."

4. TWO DAYS LATER CALIMBERTI, IN DENOUNCING THE CREATION OF YET ANOTHER PERONIST SECONDARY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (THE UNION DE ESTUDIANTES SECUNDARIOS), EXPANDED ON THEME OF DOCUMENT BY DIVULGING PLANS TO CREATE " ARGENTINE YOUTH MILITIA". IN
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CONTRAST TO THE SPONTANEOUS PRO- PERON POPULAR VIOLENCE OF 1955, HE ADDED, " WE NOW MUST EXERCISE THIS VIOLENCE IN AN ORGANIZED FORM". HOWEVER, HE SUBSEQUENTLY RETREATED FROM THIS RED GUARD CONCEPT OF THE PERONIST YOUTH FORCES BY DESCRIBING THEM AS MERELY

" VOLUNTARY WORK FORCES" WHO WILL SERVE AS AN
" EXAMPLE OF THE SPIRIT WHICH MOVES PERONISM."

5. COMMENT. PREDICTABLY, THESE MOST RECENT DECLARATIONS OF GALIMBERTI HAVE CREATED QUITE A STIR NOT ONLY WITHIN MILITARY CIRCLES, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY AMONG MODERATE PERONISTS WHO HAVE NO TASTE FOR UNIFORMED YOUTHS ON A RAMPAGE IN THE NAME OF PERON. IN THIS RESPECT, GALIMBERTI' S ATTEMPT TO TEMPER HIS REMARKS BY LATER DESCRIBING HIS MILITIA AS MORE ON THE ORDER OF AN ARGENTINE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS IS NOT LIKELY TO CALM THEIR NERVES TO ANY DEGREE.

6. ABAL MEDIANA' S ROLE IN THIS LATEST INTRAMOVEMENT CONTROVERSY IS A CURIOUS ONE. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVING HIGH MARKS, EVEN FROM HIS DETRACTORS, FOR HIS GENERALLY EXEMPLARY AND MODERATE BEHAVIOR AS PARTY SEC GEN. HOWEVER, HIS BACKING OF NATIONALIST MARCELO SANCHEZ SORONDO IN A RECENT LOSING CAMPAIGN FOR A SENATORIAL SEAT IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL HAD COST HIM POINTS WITH SOME SECTORS OF THE PERONIST LEADERSHIP. ONE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED ABAL MEDINA THEN TO ADOPT A MORE MODERATE, CAUTIOUS LINE RATHER THAN STAND SHOULDER- TO- SHOULDER WITH GALIMBERTI.

7. WHETHER OR NOT EX- PRESIDENT PERON ENDORSES THESE LATEST DECLARATIONS BY HIS FIREBRAND YOUTH LEADER IS NOT KNOWN. HOWEVER, EMBASSY PERONIST SOURCES OF A MODERATE STRIPE ARE

INTERPRETING HIS ADVICE FROM MADRID ON APRIL 18 (SEE SEPTTEL)
" NOT TO CHANGE HORSES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREAM" AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO REORGANIZATION OF MOVEMENT AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER MAY 25 AS A WARNING TO THE HARD- LINERS NOT TO GO TOO FAR. ADDITIONALLY, RUMORS THET ABAL MEDINA AND/ OR GALIMBERTI WILL ACCOMPANY CAMPORA ON HIS NEXT TRIP TO MADRID ARE M AWED BY THESE SAME SOURCES AS EVIDENCE THAT PERON PLANS TO DISCIPLINE THE TOW IN PERSON. IT REMAINS
TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE TWO YOUTH LEADERS,/ IF THEY DO INDEED TRAVEL TO SPAIN, WILL RECEIVE A DRESSING DOWN
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